



# Minnesota Ag News – Chickens & Eggs



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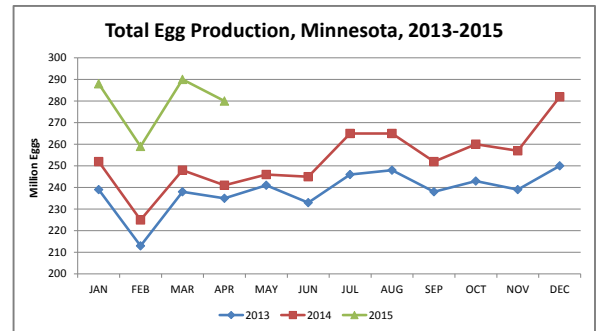
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**Minnesota Egg production during April 2015** was 280 million eggs, down 3 percent from last month, but up 14 percent from last year, according to the latest *Chickens and Eggs* release from USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service.

The average number of **all layers on hand during April 2015** was 11.6 million, down 1 percent from the March average, but up 9 percent from last year. Eggs per 100 layers for the month of April were 2,408, down 2 percent from March, but up 5 percent from last year.

In April, avian influenza affected a number of Minnesota flocks. Losses resulting from the disease are reflected in these estimates. The June 22<sup>nd</sup> *Chicken and Egg* report will reflect average inventory for the month of May. Additional information about the current avian influenza situation in the United States is available at [www.usda.gov/avian\\_influenza.html](http://www.usda.gov/avian_influenza.html).



## Layers on Hand and Eggs Produced – States and United States: During April 2014 and 2015

[Data may not add to totals due to rounding. Data by type of flock not shown for some states to avoid disclosing individual operations, data included in United States totals.]

| State                           | Table egg layers<br>in flocks<br>30,000 & above |                | All layers<br>on hand |                | Eggs per<br>100 layers |              | Total egg<br>production |                | Table egg<br>production |                |
|---------------------------------|---|----------------|-----------------------|----------------|------------------------|--------------|-------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|----------------|
|                                 | 2014  | 2015           | 2014                  | 2015           | 2014                   | 2015         | 2014                    | 2015           | 2014                    | 2015           |
|                                 | (1,000 layers)                                  | (1,000 layers) | (1,000 layers)        | (1,000 layers) | (eggs)                 | (eggs)       | (million eggs)          | (million eggs) | (million eggs)          | (million eggs) |
| Alabama .....                   | 1,470   | 1,415          | 9,434                 | 9,551          | 1,855                  | 1,864        | 175                     | 178            | 36                      | 34             |
| Arkansas .....                  | 3,613   | 3,719          | 11,962                | 13,083         | 2,006                  | 2,048        | 240                     | 268            | 88                      | 95             |
| California .....                | 16,335  | 12,733         | 16,764                | 13,226         | 2,309                  | 2,351        | 387                     | 311            | (D)                     | (D)            |
| Colorado .....                  | 4,410   | 4,172          | 4,783                 | 4,621          | 2,530                  | 2,316        | 121                     | 107            | (D)                     | (D)            |
| Connecticut <sup>1</sup> .....  | 2,296   | (NA)           | 2,390                 | (NA)           | 2,343                  | (NA)         | 56                      | (NA)           | (D)                     | (NA)           |
| Florida .....                   | 8,106   | 8,688          | 8,488                 | 9,052          | 2,344                  | 2,254        | 199                     | 204            | 194                     | 200            |
| Georgia .....                   | 9,655   | 9,785          | 18,474                | 18,860         | 2,127                  | 2,089        | 393                     | 394            | 231                     | 225            |
| Illinois .....                  | 4,414   | 4,403          | 4,882                 | 4,862          | 2,417                  | 2,283        | 118                     | 111            | 113                     | 107            |
| Indiana .....                   | 26,300  | 25,204         | 27,258                | 26,119         | 2,374                  | 2,324        | 647                     | 607            | 630                     | 590            |
| Iowa .....                      | 58,019  | 54,876         | 59,206                | 56,105         | 2,297                  | 2,319        | 1,360                   | 1,301          | 1,343                   | 1,282          |
| Maine <sup>1</sup> .....        | 3,476   | (NA)           | 3,531                 | (NA)           | 2,351                  | (NA)         | 83                      | (NA)           | (D)                     | (NA)           |
| Maryland .....                  | 2,658   | 2,278          | 2,829                 | 2,441          | 2,298                  | 2,376        | 65                      | 58             | 64                      | 57             |
| Michigan .....                  | 12,885  | 12,457         | 13,123                | 12,710         | 2,484                  | 2,478        | 326                     | 315            | (D)                     | (D)            |
| <b>Minnesota .....</b>          | <b>10,258</b>                                   | <b>11,175</b>  | <b>10,696</b>         | <b>11,629</b>  | <b>2,291</b>           | <b>2,408</b> | <b>245</b>              | <b>280</b>     | <b>240</b>              | <b>274</b>     |
| Mississippi .....               | 1,530   | 1,516          | 5,805                 | 5,738          | 1,964                  | 2,022        | 114                     | 116            | 36                      | 37             |
| Missouri .....                  | 6,414   | 6,630          | 8,681                 | 8,850          | 2,292                  | 2,316        | 199                     | 205            | (D)                     | (D)            |
| Nebraska .....                  | 9,351   | 9,353          | 9,459                 | 9,461          | 2,442                  | 2,473        | 231                     | 234            | 231                     | 234            |
| New York .....                  | 4,655   | 4,528          | 5,014                 | 4,889          | 2,413                  | 2,454        | 121                     | 120            | (D)                     | (D)            |
| North Carolina .....            | 5,744   | 6,417          | 13,289                | 14,162         | 2,032                  | 2,125        | 270                     | 301            | 139                     | 162            |
| Ohio .....                      | 29,851  | 30,826         | 30,717                | 31,687         | 2,315                  | 2,345        | 711                     | 743            | (D)                     | (D)            |
| Oregon .....                    | 2,178   | 2,199          | 2,317                 | 2,338          | 2,546                  | 2,524        | 59                      | 59             | 59                      | 59             |
| Pennsylvania .....              | 23,240  | 23,559         | 25,114                | 25,567         | 2,429                  | 2,542        | 610                     | 650            | 583                     | 620            |
| South Carolina .....            | 2,993   | 3,089          | 4,254                 | 4,417          | 2,163                  | 2,151        | 92                      | 95             | 71                      | 72             |
| South Dakota .....              | 2,550   | 2,518          | 2,692                 | 2,660          | 2,192                  | 2,444        | 59                      | 65             | 59                      | 65             |
| Texas .....                     | 14,658  | 14,845         | 18,750                | 18,892         | 2,229                  | 2,213        | 418                     | 418            | (D)                     | (D)            |
| Utah .....                      | 3,944   | 4,111          | 3,982                 | 4,149          | 2,310                  | 2,314        | 92                      | 96             | 92                      | 96             |
| Virginia .....                  | 1,250   | 1,269          | 3,048                 | 3,123          | 2,100                  | 1,921        | 64                      | 60             | 32                      | 28             |
| Washington .....                | 6,802   | 6,881          | 6,967                 | 7,046          | 2,297                  | 2,455        | 160                     | 173            | (D)                     | (D)            |
| Wisconsin .....                 | 4,254   | 4,375          | 5,027                 | 5,154          | 2,347                  | 2,328        | 118                     | 120            | (D)                     | (D)            |
| Other States <sup>2</sup> ..... | 12,944  | 18,928         | 21,890                | 28,063         | 2,156                  | 2,220        | 472                     | 623            | 342                     | 488            |
| <b>United States .....</b>      | <b>296,253</b>                                  | <b>291,949</b> | <b>360,826</b>        | <b>358,455</b> | <b>2,274</b>           | <b>2,291</b> | <b>8,205</b>            | <b>8,212</b>   | <b>7,160</b>            | <b>7,114</b>   |

(NA) Not available. (D) Withheld to avoid disclosing data for individual operations.

<sup>1</sup> Included in Other States in 2015. <sup>2</sup> Includes data for states not published in this table.

## United States Chickens & Eggs

United States egg production totaled 8.21 billion during April 2015, up slightly from last year. Production included 7.11 billion table eggs, and 1.10 billion hatching eggs, of which 1.01 billion were broiler-type and 87 million were egg-type. The total number of layers during April 2015 averaged 358 million, down 1 percent from last year. April egg production per 100 layers was 2,291 eggs, up 1 percent from April 2014.

All layers in the United States on May 1, 2015 totaled 354 million, down 2 percent from last year. The 354 million layers consisted of 296 million layers producing table or market type eggs, 55.1 million layers producing broiler-type hatching eggs, and 3.38 million layers producing egg-type hatching eggs. Rate of lay per day on May 1, 2015, averaged 75.8 eggs per 100 layers, unchanged from May 1, 2014.

Egg-type chicks hatched during April 2015 totaled 49.6 million, up 9 percent from April 2014. Eggs in incubators totaled 48.0 million on May 1, 2015, up 1 percent from a year ago.

Domestic placements of egg-type pullet chicks for future hatchery supply flocks by leading breeders totaled 219 thousand during April 2015, down 10 percent from April 2014.

Broiler-type chicks hatched during April 2015 totaled 773 million, up 3 percent from April 2014. Eggs in incubators totaled 654 million on May 1, 2015, up 2 percent from a year ago. Leading breeders placed 7.09 million broiler-type pullet chicks for future domestic hatchery supply flocks during April 2015, up 6 percent from April 2014.

